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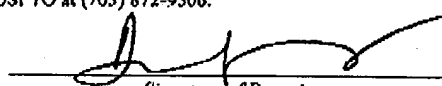
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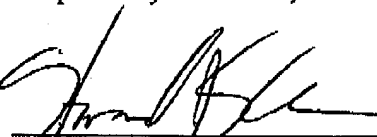
In response to the restriction/election requirement imposed in the office action mailed April 21, 2004, applicant elects to prosecute the species designated as "Species I", illustrated in Figures 4-23. At least the following claims read on the elected species: Claims 45, 46, and 47.

Claim 45 is believed to be generic to all species.

This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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